

PRICE THREEPENNY

Very Sincerely,
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The aristocratic breakers of the peace, at the same time, have been the most successful in securing a large number of franchises to be granted in various lines, from five francs to fifteen francs respectively, to the great delight and amusement of the mass of their fellow-citizens, every one of whom cordially detests any, and every social superiority not enjoyed by himself. The tendency of the law is to put up with everything, and the only regulations have appeared to be made apparent. The managers of provincial theatres, not liking their individual freedom, have determined to constitute themselves into a corporation, bound by specific laws and agreements on all points connected with the theatrical service. Forty-three of these gentlemen have just held

appear to be satisfactory to anybody. After discussion had proceeded for some time Mr. [redacted] di-

discovered that through a technical informality was unable to take the vote then. He was, therefore, anxious for a postponement. But to this the House would not consent. Divisions for postponement were carried against the Government.

£78,000, with £6800 of an addition for increasing proportions to various institutions, was carried. The report of the Committee on the subject of the reduced form by the Chief Secretary. The amount was £21,990 15s. 3d.; but is now only £18,049.

TASMANIA.

VIA Melbourne, we have Hobart Town papers to the 6th and Lancaster to the 7th instant.

The report on the subject of the country through which Mr. Gould had passed is not yet published, but the *Hobart Town Mercury*, of the 6th instant, has the following account of Mr. Gould's return to town from his recent visit to the Macquarie Harbour country, and is engaged in preparing his official report to the Government. What the precise terms in which he may speak of the auriferous nature of the country, we cannot say, but we are employed by him in his private capacity to speak to Mr. Chomman, and the rumours that are in circulation, encourage us to hope that the spring will witness the discovery of a workable gold-field in the Macquarie Harbour country. The conclusive indications of gold in alluvium and in quartz veins, the result will be one of those 'rumors' which as

to be the greatest means of advancing civilization and the progress of the knowledge it is in possession of, but we believe that active measures are in contemplation to provide for such a contingency as a rush, should it set in. During the winter season it is proposed that party, under Mr. Gould's direction, shall cut tracks through the bush, so as to render the more promising localities accessible, without risk of loss or privation. It is also proposed that the Government should employ some valuable services we are happy to say have not yet been lost to the colony), to conduct a survey of Port Davey and the Davey River, the capabilities of which are at present unascertained. It is also proposed to be employed as a valuable for a great distance inland in the direction of country where, if a Western gold-field exists, it will be doubtless discovered. If this belief should be well founded the Government will have not yet added to the list of its prospective parties when the proper season arrives to prosecute the discoveries that have been made. The Government is entitled to every credit for the promptness of its measures to open up a district which may possibly prove a source of wealth to the colony.

PARLIAMENT.—Parliament will meet on Tuesday 22nd July, after the close of public business will be a day. When the speaker of the Hon. Excellency Colonel G. Brown will be the speaker of the Hon. Excellency Colonel G. Brown in reply, an adjournment will probably take place to an early day, when the real battle of the session will begin.—*T. J. Murray.*

THE TRIAL OF BAGDAD MURDERER.—*The* *Lawsonian Examiner* of the 7th instant reports that on Wednesday, at the Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court at Hobart Town, before His Honor the Chief Justice, the trial of the Bagdad murderer, a young man named child Mary Ann Riley, at Bagdad, on 25th of April 1871. The whole day was occupied in hearing evidence for prosecution, and the Court adjourned at ten minutes to the close of the day. The evidence of the witnesses was being several other witnesses to be examined. The trial was renewed on Thursday, and, after occupying the whole day, resulted in his conviction. The prisoner, who was frequently declared by innocence of the crime imputed, was sentenced to death.

NEW ZEALAND.
Otago.

By way of Melbourne, we have papers to the 3rd inst. from Dunedin.

The *Timely Times* of that date, in its summary of events states that the winter season had been ushered in by local rain and a cold weather. About a fortnight previous, however, Otago was visited with a succession of snow storms and a recurrence of wet bleak days. The high lands beyond Dunedin were covered with snow, and the traffic to and from the country was considerably impeded in consequence.

As might have been expected, the inclement weather effected a diminution in the amount of gold by export, as well as a considerable reduction in the number of persons in the province, the bulk of those that have at present ceased work at the diggings preferring to remain in the province until the winter is over.

Persons have proceeded to the new diggings at Highgate, near Waiakaiti, to the northward of Dunedin. From all that can be learnt, there is little doubt of the district turning out a profitable gold-field, and the local population is daily increasing.

The escort brought down, on the 22nd instants, 5 ounces; and on the 29th, 4116 ounces.

The Public Works Department has been informed by Mr. Vincent Pyke, who has received an appointment as commissioner of the gold-fields, and will organise the department. The salary of the contemplated chief commissioner is to be £700 a year.

The Provincial Council resumes business to-morrow. It is expected that candidates for the vacancy in the representation of the city of Dunedin took place on the 2nd and resulted in the election of Major Richardson, by a

port of six. The quality has been found at Saag Point, near Mearns and Wakouat, north of Danedun.

The long expected visit of the Governor is still anxiously deferred, and no intelligence of his movements has been received.

LITTLETON.

By the O'Neill, Captain Paton, we have papers to the 20th inst. from Littleton.

The Lyletton Times supplies us with the following list of news:—

The weather has been unusually severe during the past week. On Sunday morning a sou'-wester, accompanied by snow and rain, set in, which lasted with scarcely intermission, till Thursday night. During the time a considerable amount of snow has fallen, and the wind has been blowing with great violence to the westward. We have not heard as yet of any casualties among the shipping with the exception of the schooner Weller, which has been blown off her beam, and stands in the bay, where she is doing violence to a perpendicular rigging, while at anchor, being reduced to a mere wreck.

During the late heavy from the Ashley overland haps and submerged to a considerable depth the whole township of Lyttelton and surrounding district.

It is reported that a party of men have been sent to Stewart, who performed so badly in the Nelson campaign.

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THE PROPOSED BISHOPRIC OF GOLDBURN
 STR.—A letter to the *Editor of the Herald*.
 "Subscriber," casts some very severe and unjustifiable
 reflections on the gentlemen who form the deputation to
 the commissioners in Sydney for the proposed Gold-
 burn bishopric.
 When a man, supposing himself civilized and a
 himself a Christian, imputes unworthy conduct to others
 for no other reason than that he is a subscriber to a
 society which he has good cause to believe to be
 entirely himself that he has good cause to believe to be
 The writer of the letter I refer to evidently knows little
 of the Rev. Mr. Leigh, or of Mr. Ross, and perhaps a
 few of the other gentlemen who form the deputation.
 He designates himself a "subscriber," but he means, in
 probability, that he is a subscriber to your contemporary,
 the *South Australian* bishopric fund.
 The Rev. Mr. Leigh and Mr. Ross do not form
 self-cultivated deputation. They were regularly appoint-
 ed by the subscribers in Goldburn to collect subscriptions
 for the same. They are not to be enjoying themselves
 at the expense of the fund they collected, but they are
 nothing to flout fund—which, through their exertions
 Sydney, has been augmented by some £1500 or £2000
 and they are not to be enjoying themselves at the
 in the prosecution of their mission.
 There may be some difference of opinion among those
 who consider the subject as to whether an Anglican bishop
 is a necessary evil, or a necessary good, or a necessary
 this be the case, Goldburn is the proper
 place for him. But there can be none among those who
 know the Rev. Mr. Leigh and Mr. Ross, as to the neces-
 sity of denying real and true desertion to the deputation
 animated in the prosecution of the object they have
 view.
 It would be difficult for some to enjoy themselves
 in the metropolis—in the sense in which "Subscribers"
 use the words—in such a manner as would compromise

their Sir absence from their homes and "the friend
whom there " they are wont to regard."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

W. A. MURRAY.

